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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT IN INTERIOR TEAM VISIT TO INDIA

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1. JANUARY 13-26. 1974 MAY BE A FINE TIME FOR INTERIOR TEAM TO BE IN INDIA, BUT FINAL RESULTS OF RUPEE NEGOTIATION STILL UNCLEAR.

2. EMBASSY MUCH APPRECIATES REFTEL REPORT ON GOOD SESSION WITH MINISTER K.L. RAO, AND WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER DETAILS.

3. EMBASSY FEELS STUDY OF INDIAN WILDLIFE AND PARK PROBLEMS MIGHT PRODUCE MUCH INFORMATION OF DOMESTIC VALUE TO THE USA. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE (FOR WILDLIFE) RANJITSING IS EAGER, CAPABLE, COOPERATIVE, DOESN'T GET MUCH HELP IN INDIA. WE THINK OUR LIST OF ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE RESEARCH COOPERATION GIVEN IN DELHI'S 11184 IS RELATIVELY HIGH PRIORITY TO THE USA BUT WAS NOT INTENDED TO BE EXHAUSTIVE. ASK ANOTHER FELLOW-GET ANOTHER LIST.

4. ALTHOUGH THE LIST OF ITEMS TO DISCUSS IS FAIRLY EXTENSIVE, EMBASSY FEELS AGREEMENTS TO COOPERATE SHOULD BE ON A FAIRLY MODEST LEVEL TO START SO IT WILL BE VERY CLEAR TO THE GOI THAT WE ARE SUGGESTING COOPERATION, NOT TECHNICAL AID. MOYNIHAN

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